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SUBJ: TRANS SAHARA GRAIN SHIPMENT

1. IN FINAL DISCUSSIONS WITH SNTR & SONATMAG THEY BOTH AGREED TO MAKE ALL OUT EFFORT TO ACCELERATE DELIVERY OF GRAIN TO MALI. SNTR AGREED THAT IN LIEU OF TWO CONVOYS OF 20 TWENTY TON TRUCKS THEY INTEND TO FORM FOUR CONVOYS OF 20 TWENTY TON TRUCKS. SPACING BETWEEN CONVOYS WOULD BE APPROX 48 HOURS.

2. THEY ANXIOUS TO SEE THIS OPERATION START AND ARE BEGINNING TO SHOW IMPATIENCE DUE TO SEVERAL CHANGES IN ETA S.S. JOSEPH LYKES. THEY CLAIM THAT THEY HAVE EARMARKED VEHICLES AND DRIVERS FOR THESE CONVOYS AND HAVE CONCENTRATED OPERATIONS THESE VEHICLES IN ORAN AREA TO PERMIT AVAILABILITY ON SHORT NOTICE. IF CURRENT ETA OF JULY 16/17 FOR S.S. JOSEPHY LYKES MAINTAINED WE HOPE TO HAVE SUFFICIENT GRAIN OFFLOADED TO COMMENCE LOADING

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FIRST 20 TRUCKS THE MORNING OF JULY 22 IF NOT BEFORE. IF LYKES

ARRIVAL FIRM SNTR STATED THAT ALL (1600 MT) GRAIN WILL BE ENROUTE MALI ON OR BEFORE JULY 31 AND DELIVERED BY AUG 10.

3. SNTR WILL RELY ON WRITTEN NOTIFICATION FROM USINT, AS REQUIRED UNDER TERMS OF CONTRACT, INDICATING NUMBER OF TONS AVAILABLE FOR LOADING, NUMBER OF TRUCKS (IN INCREMENTS OF 20) AND DATES REQUIRED. DOERR PREPARED NOTIFICATION LETTERS PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE FROM ALGIERS FOR USINT TO FILL IN ABOVE AND SIGN. USINT WILL RELY ON FFPO WOOD SUPPLYING NECESSARY INFO TO COMPLETE ABOVE LETTERS ONCE HE ABLE ESTABLISH DAILY RATE OF SHIP OFF-LOADING. IT ESSENTIAL THAT WOOD KEEP USINT INFORMED OF CONVOY DEPARTURES AND ETA'S ALGIERS/MALI BORDER AND FINAL DESTINATION (TESSALIT/GAO) SO THAT USINT CAN CABLE THIS INFO TO BAMAKO FYI COMMERCIAL TELEPHONE ONLY MEANS OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN AMCONSUL ORAN AND ALGIERS END FYI.

4. SONATMAG ACCEPTED INSERTION OF CLAUSE IN THEIR CONTRACT RELATED TO PENALTY OF 320 DA PER TRUCK PER DAY IF SNTR TRUCKS NOT LOADED IN ONE 8 HOUR DAY. THIS OFFSETS SIMILAR PENALTY CLAUSE IN SNTR CONTRACT FOR DELAY IN LOADING OF TRUCKS IN ALGERIA. WE STILL LIABLE TO PAY 450 DA PER TRUCK PER DAY IF OFFLOADING EXCEEDS ONE 8 HOUR DAY IN MALI. SONATMAG ANTICIPATES NO PROBLEM LOADING 20 TRUCKS (400 TONS) PER 8 HOUR DAY. STEVEDORES ORAN WORK 5 1/2 DAY WEEK. HAVE AUTHORIZED PAYMENT OVERTIME SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND SUNDAY TO ACCELERATE VESSEL OFFLOADING AND NOT DELAY LOADING OF TRUCKS.

4. BASED UPON ALL KNOWN FACTORS AT THIS TIME AND WITH OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK IT APPEARS THAT THIS OPERATION SHOULD NOW PROCEED WITHOUT ANY MAJOR PROBLEM.

5. WISH TO ADVISE AID/W THAT USINT/ALGIERS AND AMCONSUL/ORAN ALTHOUGH OPERATING WITH REDUCED STAFFS EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE AND VERY INSTRUMENTAL IN THE SUCCESS OF THE OPERATION.
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